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Second Award



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Kansas
First Award



Kurt Gustafson
Texas
Third Award

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Nelda Jean Thomas
Texas
Second Award



Barbara Ann Brodbeck
Illinois
First Award



Mrs. Katherine M.
Hoopes
New Jersey
Third Award

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Coming to You by Way of The General Secretary



We Salute The Winners

● Congratulations to the winners and all who participated in the fourth annual Christian Endeavor Citizenship Contest. Elda Ann Thornburg of Eudora, Kansas, who took first place in Division A; Barbara Brodbeck, who won top honors in Division B, and other winners will receive their awards and special recognition at the Saturday evening session of the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Columbus, Ohio, July 16. The contest, we believe, has stimulated much interest and action in Christian citizenship. We give a hearty thanks to Robert C. Ross, citizenship director of International Society, the directors in the states and provinces, and to many judges.

John Barleycorn "Flying High"

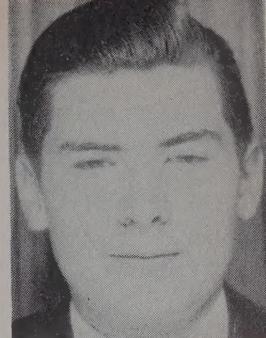
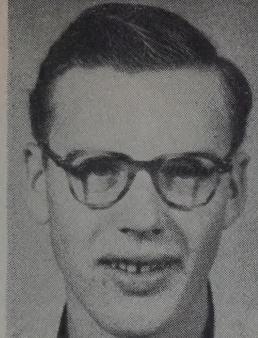
● John Barleycorn has taken to the "air" in the United States. Liquor is now being served on some commercial airplanes—and free. Advertisements of TWA (Trans World Airlines) for their Super G. Constellation non-stop flights, New York to Los Angeles read: "Meet fellow passengers in the smartly decorated 'Starlight Lounge.' As you see new faces and make new friends, relax in the deep-cushioned sofas and order your favorite drink. Choose champagne, bourbon, scotch, cocktails—with TWA's compliments, naturally." In the May number of "The American Issue" Clayton M. Wallace executive director of The National Temperance League, says, "Hostesses are permitted to serve a passenger as many drinks as he asks for, until, in her opinion, he has had enough. Thus Americans face the prospect of air travel in flying saloons." It is good news to know that the House of Representatives of the Ohio Legislature voted down a bill which would have permitted the serving of alcoholic beverages in airplanes while flying over the State of Ohio. It's in order to speak against "the flying saloon." Write to your state legislator or to your congressman.

For Your Information

● We are happy to report that Dr. Robert W. Rash, chairman of the Program Council of International Society, is recovering from a recent illness and expects in a few weeks to be back at his work as general secretary of Christian Education of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in Huntington, Indiana. Dr. Rash, according to his physician, has been suffering from a damaged area in the region of the heart and a high sugar count in the blood—Maxine Bond, vice-president of International Society in charge of the Central Region, is to be married September 30 to Douglas Lamb of Dublin, Ireland. Miss Bond met Mr. Lamb while attending a conference of the Society of Friends in Ireland last summer.

Rev. Andrew Wright To Take New Duties

● Rev. Andrew Wright, who has been general secretary of the Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britain and Ireland since 1944 and who is general secretary of the World's Christian Endeavor Union for Area II, is planning to leave these positions in order to become associate general secretary of the World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association. Mr. Wright will begin his new work September 1 with headquarters in London. He will be traveling in many parts of Europe and Asia. We are grateful for the splendid contribution that Mr. Wright has made to Christian Endeavor and we wish him great success in his new field of endeavor.



Ellen May Barton
New Jersey
North Atlantic (A)

Chester Dalton
Wyoming
Rocky Mountain (A)

Daryl Ann Hess
California
Pacific (A)

Carol Jones
Indiana
Great Lakes (A)

Kenneth A. MacLeod, Jr.
Massachusetts
North Atlantic (A)

outh who were runners-up in the finals are pictured with the designation of region in which they won top honors. Pictures of first three winners in each division appear on cover. State and provincial winners are shown on Page 5.

Vinnners In Christian Citizenship Contest

Division A

(Youth under 17 years)

First Award

\$200 and Trip to International Convention at Columbus

Elda Ann Thornburg, Eudora, Kansas

Second Award — \$100

Maire Holcomb, Winnsboro, South Carolina

Third Award — \$75

Kurt Gustfason, Harlingen, Texas

Runners-up In Finals — \$25 each

Ellen May Barton, Newark, New Jersey
Chester Dalton, Lusk, Wyoming
Daryl Ann Hess, Los Angeles, California
Carol Jones, Straughn, Indiana
Kenneth A. MacLeod, Jr.,
West Somerville, Massachusetts
Sandra Ott, Stevensville, Ontario, Canada

RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

To all state and provincial winners.
Names and pictures on Page 5.

The letters of the top winners in each division are published in this issue of "The World." Miss Thornburg's is on Page 4 and Miss Brodbeck's on Page 6.

Hazel Walker
Massachusetts
North Atlantic (B)

Vincent V. Salomonson
Colorado
Rocky Mountain (B)

Geraldine E. Ludwick
Virginia
Southern (B)

Sara Anne Gosselink
Iowa
Central (B)

John Day
Ontario
Canadian (B)



Sandra Ott
Ontario
Canadian (A)



Joel Awai
Hawaii
Pacific (B)

Division B

(Youth 17 through 24 years)

First Award

\$200 and Trip to International Convention at Columbus

Barbara Ann Brodbeck, Peoria, Illinois

Second Award — \$100

Nelda Jean Thomas, Houston, Texas

Third Award — \$75

Mrs. Katherine M. Hoopes, Camden, N. J.

Runners-up In Finals — \$25 each

Joel Awai, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii
John Day, Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada
Sara Anne Gosselink, Pella, Iowa
Geraldine E. Ludwick, Roanoke, Virginia
Vincent V. Salomonson, Berthoud, Colorado
Hazel Walker, Leominster, Massachusetts

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A Letter To My Congressman . . .

I Speak for Christian Citizenship

This letter was written by Elda Ann Thornburg of Eudora, Kansas, for the Christian Endeavor Citizenship Contest. She received the highest award in Division A on the basis of this letter and her citizenship activities. Elda Ann is a junior in Eudora High School and is a member of Hesper Friends Church. She was 16 years old when entering the contest and had her seventeenth birthday February 22. She is secretary and pianist of her Christian Endeavor society.

Dear Congressman:

It is my desire to speak for Christian Citizenship because I believe that Jesus Christ in the life of each individual is the answer to any problem that may arise anywhere.

Christian Citizenship starts at home. When one is very small, parents with their Christian teaching and the help of a family altar start to sway his life. He learns consideration of his elders and most of all, respect and love for his Heavenly Father. He learns to get along with his friends and people about him in a loving and respectful manner.

As he grows older, he takes on more responsibility of the home, community, and school. He learns still more how to cope with his surroundings and people without the help of his parents.

Sometime in his first years of school he takes Christ as his own personal Saviour. No matter how much training he has had, without this big step in his life he would be a failure in the things of the Lord and in Christian living.

In his early teens he is beginning to meet up with more and more decisions which must be made by him. As he keeps up his daily devotions of prayer and Bible reading, he knows he has a Friend more dear to him than loved ones, who will help him with these decisions. Without Him, he knows he could never be a good Christian Citizen anywhere.

There come to him problems of good recreation. Although his parents have helped him along this line it now comes to him alone to really decide. No one can make his decisions for him. It is revealed to him that in being a good citizen he must always be helpful in a spiritual sense also. He must be a good sport in good wholesome activities to show others that Christians can be just as good citizens and have just as much enjoyment in this type of thing as others. He knows that some recreation would be harmful to him and would hinder him as a Christian. These decisions are made in the will of God.

Some youth use narcotics. But the Christian knows his body and life must be kept a clean temple in which Christ may dwell. He must do his best to help others see the harm in the use of narcotics and the loss of money, time, and healthy bodies.

Gambling is more prevalent as he grows older. He must also try to help his fellowmen see the harm in this. God gives us all we have and ever will have. He expects us to use our possessions to the best of our ability and not be taking chances. This is an evil and can never be practiced by any Christian Citizen.

He knows that a good Christian Citizen will find his place in worship services both evening and morning on the Sabbath Day. Only one day out of the week is set aside for this purpose; surely everyone should use it and worship God in this manner. As a person grows to be a better citizen, he must grow spiritually to help him be better fitted for the task of helping others in the role that God has given him to play.

He feels the necessity of Christian Endeavor and knows this is an important feature in training young people. Here he has fellowships with other Christian young people and learns the value of living a Christian life and being a good citizen.

He loves those of different race and nationality. There is bitterness in his heart toward them no matter what they may have done to his race or country. With Christ there is no respect for persons; so it should be with the Christian. He feels this is important for every Christian Citizen.

When he is a man, these ideas come to him more forcibly. His vision is clearer; he can see the need for more Christian Citizens greater than ever before. He also sees that his vote, votes of other Christian Citizens, and his interest in the country and public affairs will help keep his country from Communism or being aristocratic. When he was young he could only stand out against liquor traffic, narcotics, etc., but now besides this he can place his vote and encourage others to do so also. He must do his best as Christian Citizen to stand up for what he knows is right and keep faithfully the laws which he is able to keep.

As he becomes an old man, he finds he no longer can do the things he once did for the cause of a Christian country. As he thinks back over his life, he knows he has overcome many things, hardships, temptations, prejudices, and hard feelings. He has made mistakes in his life, but he has tried to overcome them. With the help of his Heavenly Father he has tried to do his best to be a good Christian and to help others also in like manner.

Mr. Congressman, I firmly believe that without Christ and the Church, this country would be a complete failure. What a big part a good citizen plays in the citizenship and laws of our country; but how much more a Christian Citizen can do with the standards he holds and the help of the God whom he serves!

The youth of today may think they cannot play a very big part in Christian Citizenship, but a good Christian Citizen is not born, neither is he made in one day. It takes a period of learning and striving to procure the knowledge of what a Christian Citizen can do, will do, and must do.

I, as a member of today's youth, want to do my best to be the kind of Christian Citizen that God would have me be; one that He can use, maybe not in a great part on this big stage of life which we play, but in my home, school, community, and elsewhere. Christian Endeavor has been important to me in being a Christian and being a good citizen.

May we as Christian Youth help those who are striving to be good citizens without the help of Jesus Christ—that they may know Him as their Saviour and guide for living.

Mr. Congressman, if you have not known the joy of having Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, I encourage and invite you to accept Him. The tasks and responsibilities which you have as leader of our country can only be met adequately with the help and wisdom of our Lord. May God bless you.

Sincerely yours,

ELDA ANN THORNBURG

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD



Sharon
Van't Kerkhoff
Arizona (A)



Ellenor Potter
Colorado (A)



Sue Troutman
Kentucky (A)



Janice E. Snyder
Michigan (A)



Arthur Oberg
New York (A)



Doris Jean Teague
N. Carolina (A)



Wilma Van Heest
Ohio (A)



Suzanne Robinson
Pennsylvania (A)

Citizenship Winners

They Were FIRST

In Their State



Jimmy Hensley
Tennessee (A)



Immajean
Gallimore
Virginia (A)



Phyllis Ann
Whitten
Indiana (B)



Reeta Gaines
Kansas (B)



Barbara Jo Cooper
Alabama (B)



May Jenkins
California (B)



Richard J. Smith
Michigan (B)



Elaine A. Nelson
Minnesota (B)



Mrs. Paul T. Wild
Nebraska (B)



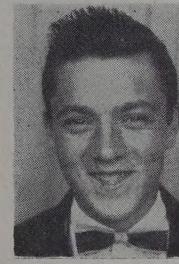
Dorothy M.
Reynolds
New York (B)



Sara F. Cornelius
Kentucky (B)



Carolyn Decker
Maryland (B)



Wayne Hensley
Tennessee (B)



Betty Lou
Holliday
W. Virginia (B)



Gloria Marie Stahl
Pennsylvania (B)



Dorothy Vander
Meulen
Wisconsin (B)



Euphon Sumner
N. Carolina (B)



Marilyn J. Neill
Oregon (B)

A Letter To My Congressman . . .

I Speak for Christian Citizenship

This letter was written by Barbara Ann Brodbeck of Peoria, Illinois, for the Christian Endeavor Citizenship Contest. She received the highest award in Division B on the basis of this letter and her citizenship activities. Barbara, who is 22 years old, is a member of the Grace Presbyterian Church and is employed with a savings and loan association. She has served in many positions in Christian Endeavor in the local society, county and state unions.

Dear Mr. Congressman:

All of us are alarmed by the rapid progress which Communism is making all over the earth. We have seen it swallow up much of Asia in recent years. We have noted its growing influence over some of our most important European allies in the past few years. As we look at these oppressed nations we are forced to the conclusion that many of the evils which confront them, and us, are a direct result of man's failure to serve God.

The creation of Godless ideals, the setting up of wealth, power and personal success as the chief aims of life, has contributed more than any other single factor to precipitate the moral and economic crisis with which these lands are faced today, and with which we will be faced if Christians do not provide our country with leadership in its fight to preserve freedom. Yes—there is a chance we might lose our freedom. Democracy is freedom, but you cannot continue to build a free country on lack of initiative and independence, on selfishness, on cowardice, or on Godlessness and immorality. Fortunately, democracy doesn't depend upon one wise leader, but upon thousands of men, women and young people who will work together.

A fundamental belief in God is the essence of citizenship, democracy and freedom. Our country was founded by Pilgrims who were seeking freedom to worship God the way they pleased. Our Constitution is based on the fundamentals of Christianity. The home and constitutional government depend upon it. Christianity is more, however, than good moral character; it is more than the belief that all men were created equal and that the government should be of the people, by the people, and for the people; it is more than a sense of honesty and integrity. Christianity is humble repentance by sinners, followed by belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour through His death on the cross and His resurrection.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

A Christian is a changed being through faith and the result of this faith is good works. Christian citizenship, therefore, is a logical and necessary expression of one who loves God. Our free enterprise system is great because Christians do not rely solely upon the *free* part but upon their *own enterprise*. Personal achievement which lies in devotion to Christianity and freedom has made and will continue to make this a great nation!

People do things because others do them. This places a great burden upon all of us to be always a proper example for others who might follow or imitate. Unconsciously, even more than consciously, young people are making this world a better or worse

place. It's up to *each young person* what *somebody* will be. Nothing has ever been done as well as it can be done. And it's up to Christians to improve their communities, the nation and the world.

Mr. Congressman, this is the need for Christian Citizenship!

Daniel Webster once said, "Whatever makes a man a good man, makes him a good citizen." It is never hard to think greatness in terms of heroic deeds, or of rising to dangerous opportunities. But too often men feel no responsibility for greatness in good citizenship. Everything we have came from God, parents, and our community. Isn't it logical to put something back?

There are always enough projects to go around. Yes . . . projects for young people in the community. When there is an election there is always work to be done to "get out the vote." Churches will need Sunday school teachers. Their city's recreational program offers many opportunities for young people to help by leading craft classes, supervising recreation for children, and doing general office work. Fund drives for the Community Chest, Red Cross, Heart, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, so forth, require a lot of volunteer help. The many temptations for young people in drinking, gambling, narcotics, class distinctions, etc., can be overcome by group projects in the schools and church.

The greatest thing we can do is to make every possible effort to be a good citizen. We are fortunate people within a fortunate land. God has given us His only Son as our Saviour and has blessed us much more abundantly than we deserve. Our forefathers have given us a philosophy of government that gives every man, woman, and child the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

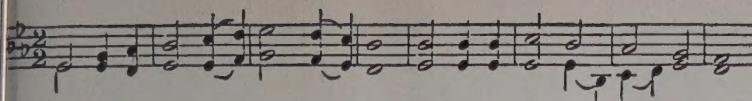
As we take these blessings and give them back measure for measure, so we become beautiful in our citizenry, much as the Sea of Galilee is one of the most beautiful spots in the world because it allows its waters to flow out into the other parts of the land. If our citizenship is not Christian . . . if it's goal is selfishness, personal success, wealth, honor and power . . . it is no longer great and we become as miserable as the Dead Sea which harbors all the River Jordan to itself and gives back nothing.

That to me is the great challenge of Christian citizenship. Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, a body through which Christ helps, a life through which Christ lives.

That is why, Mr. Congressman, I speak for Christian citizenship.

Sincerely,

BARBARA BRODBECK



Columbus To Be A SINGING Convention

Music by Large Chorus Planned for Evening Sessions
at International Convention, July 11-16—Unions
Seek Registration Honors.

YOUNG PEOPLE like to sing.

Delegates to the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention in Columbus, Ohio, July 11-16 will have plenty of opportunity to do so.

Formal and informal singing periods will have a prominent place in the convention when it is expected that more than 4,000 individuals from North America will attend.



Rev. Albert H. Heinz

Rev. Albert H. Heinz will be the official singer, according to an announcement made by Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, program chairman.

Mr. Heinz for 26 years has been music director for the national youth convention in the United Presbyterian Church of North America. He is choir director and assistant minister of the Northminster Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Albert Heinz will be the accompanist.

Mr. Heinz will lead singing for the mass meetings and will also direct a great chorus which will be formed from individuals in Columbus, Ohio. Plans for the first rehearsal of this group are set for May 22.

Friday evening, July 15, there will be a music festival when students of Ohio State University will sing. This will be under the direction of Dr. Dale V. Gilliland.

Plan Mammoth Parade

Extensive plans are being made for the mammoth parade that will be held Saturday, July 16, at 6:00 P.M. Rev. C. Herman Bailey, pastor of West Second Avenue Presbyterian Church, Columbus, is the parade chairman with Honorable Maynard E. Sensenbrenner, Mayor of Columbus, as Grand Marshal.

Many outstanding leaders will be in charge of the nearly 45 conference sessions that will be held in the "school" of the convention which will take place each morning at Capital University.

Ontario and North Carolina Take Awards

Throughout the United States and Canada youth are registering for the convention.

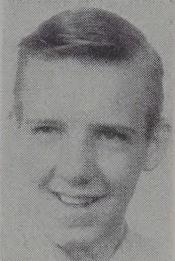
In the International Society registration campaign for the report period ending March 30 Ontario took first honors in Division A for the month and North Carolina in Division B. Ontario showed a gain of 16% toward its quota and North Carolina 12%. For the monthly period District of Columbia Union was second in Division A and Colorado was runner-up in Division B.

For total registrations received from the beginning of the campaign in Division A Pennsylvania is first with Ontario second, New York third, and California fourth. In Division B North Carolina leads with Colorado second, Hawaii third, and Kentucky fourth.

The registration campaign continues un-

WELCOME

The Franklin County (Ohio) Christian Endeavor Union cordially invites you to come to Columbus July 11-16 for the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention. This you will not want to miss. We pray that this will be the greatest convention yet, not only in numbers but in spiritual help. Columbus is a main center for bus, rail, and air transportation and is easy to get to by automobile. It is a great convention city and is noted for its hospitality. The Columbus Endeavorers are working hard to have everything in readiness for your arrival and to make your stay in Columbus a memorable one. We hope you will come.



Sincerely yours,

ROBERT F. HILDRETH, President
Franklin County Christian Endeavor
Union

til June 20. Registrations are \$3.00. These may be sent to local, state or provincial union leaders or to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

A separate registration contest is being conducted by the Ohio Union. Registrations for this group may be sent to Columbus Convention Committee, International Christian Endeavor Convention, P. O. Box 1110, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Tour of Great Lakes

A Fellowship Tour is planned for 15 days. This will leave Philadelphia July 10, and include the time at the convention. After the Columbus session the group will go to Cleveland and will cruise on the Great Lakes, visiting Detroit, Mackinac, Houghton, Duluth, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls, returning to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 24. The total expense for this personally conducted tour is \$320. Individuals may join the party at places other than Philadelphia.

Complete tour information may be secured by writing to J. Allen Tucker, 1820 East Schiller Street, Philadelphia 34, Pennsylvania, tour conductor, or Harold E. Westerhoff, Travel Department, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

My Registration For International Convention

Please register me. I enclose \$3. I enclose \$1; will pay \$2 more on arrival.
Rev. Mr., Mrs., Miss

(Circle proper title—Type or print plainly, last name first)

Street & No. Zone State Church

(Give full name and denomination)

Local Union State Union Church

If over 25 years of age, please check here If 25 or under, please state age

My present responsibility in Christian Endeavor is

I desire information on the International Society Tour

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR
1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio

YES, a devoted Christian can "go it alone."

Tom Smith and Jesus Christ form a workable partnership.

Why do we have churches, congregations, denominations? For among Protestants it is taught that each person is a child of God and he may engage at any time and in almost any circumstances in personal contact with the Father.

Have we not heard from Jesus, "Enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret"? Did not our Saviour preach personal repentance, personal prayer, personal forgiveness of one's enemies as vital factors in getting right with God? Read Luke 9:57-62, and notice how important it was to the Saviour that a person seeking to follow Him should pursue his individual course, forsaking even family ties and social contacts.

At this point, one might say that the command of Jesus was not "Do it together" but "Do it alone!"

Brotherhood of the Twelve

Once the disciple of the Christ had pulled away from ties that bound him to the old life, Jesus effectively created a new fellowship or even a group of fellowships binding together those persons who believed in Him as the Son of God and were resolved to follow in His way. And so came about that history-changing brotherhood of the Twelve, within which there was an inner circle (Luke 9:28; Matthew 26: 37, 40; Luke 22: 8; 24: 34), and afterward the growing Christian community of which we read in the Acts of the Apostles (note particularly Acts 2: 41-47).

Churches began to appear in cities reached by land and sea by missionaries sent out from this Christian fellowship, and how it thrills us to read in Philippians 4: 22 of "saints . . . that are of Caesar's household!"

We may well believe that the Early Christians learned to practice two related forms of allegiance, by which they had secret communion with God the Father and made open confessions of their glad faith in Jesus Christ. "Do it alone" strengthened and instructed them so they could "Do it together," and while individual souls rejoiced in the deep, satisfying, personal relationship with God, probably few of the Early Church were content to stop there.

It was because these first Christians "were all with one accord in one place" that there could be a Day of Pentecost (fiftieth day after the Passover) when the Holy Spirit came to bless and inspire the whole company of the faithful. Even as an individual is baptized, this might be termed the baptism or sanctifying of the Church.

Uncounted Benedictions

So *doing it together*, as Christians, has the holy example of Christ's own procedure in His ministry on earth and not one but uncounted benedictions and renewed grants of divine power for the Christian Church as a force uniting great companies of believers and their Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Group action in itself is not necessarily effective and powerful. No team or society of writers or composers can seriously hope to out-

Do It TOGETHER

do some of the masterpieces wrought by a single creator, even though he be blind like Milton or deaf like Beethoven. Many a leader, in business or statecraft or civic reform, is held back by the caution and inertia of the organization he wants to engage in some daring and timely action.

But a church may ask for and receive powers that cannot be claimed for the ordinary secular forms of action. The Church has a divine commission; your church and my church may and should accept their share in this partnership of God and man to redeem the world. If the individual Christian sincerely *cares* about

YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOP

by Bert H. Davis

saving and helping mankind, about obeying Christ's commands, this matter of working together becomes not only the traditional Christian procedure but a wholly practical means for uniting the prayers, the gifts and the efforts of many fellow Christians to do Christ's will.

United Effort

What then are the least or minimum activities in united Christian effort?

Suppose we apply this to a rural crossroads community or to a small suburban neighborhood having a limited number of Christian families.

AUTHORS OF NEW BOOK



Phyllis G. Brown



Bert H. Davis

Miss Brown and Mr. Davis are the writers of *With Young Adults In Christian Endeavor* just published by the International Society of Christian Endeavor. This book gives information on organizing, promoting, and working the program with young adults together with suggested material for topics for a year. Miss Brown, of Richmond, Virginia, is vice-president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and associate editor of *The Virginia Journal*. Mr. Davis, of Utica, New York, for many years has been associate editor of *The Christian Endeavor World*. He is a member of the Topics Committee International Society. The book is \$.75 a copy and may be secured through the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

1. Come together at stated times for Christian worship and fellowship. The first church were in homes. The first churches relied on leaders.

2. There should be some form of organization and the acceptance of leadership responsibilities for the group. A Young Adult using worship and discussion helps supplied by the International Society of Christian Endeavor (interdenominational), might be formed.

3. The neighborhood group may wish to establish relationships with a county or council or federation, or in some instances with a single church or denomination in nearby city or village.

Such contacts are especially desirable if it is felt that the local group may be of such significance within a few months or years as to encourage the founding of a church and the erection of a church or chapel the abouts.

4. Religious instruction for children may be one of the first concerns of the new fellowship. Perhaps few in the group will feel qualified to teach Christ and His Way to children a young people—but there are means to secure special training, either in a larger community or by inviting devoted Christian leaders come out and help from time to time, and course Christian education helps for teachers and class members are available from denominations and from other publishers.

5. Family activities of a social and entertainment nature may also be planned. And a very small and loosely organized Christian fellowship may presently provide: recreational facilities, a small library, group trips to various points of interest, group attendance at church at some distance from time to time, community observances of Christmas and Thanksgiving Day and other holidays, aid to persons in trouble, crafts and hobby activities, programs for missionary education and for gifts to mission

Join With Others of Like Mind

Transportation and communication being as they are, there are few families in the United States and Canada that cannot have some form of united worship and Christian activities with others of like mind—even if the group cannot meet every Sunday of the year. Some *togetherness* will be better than none. And perhaps the difficulties that seem to loom ahead will prove, in God's providence, much less serious than some among us would expect.

These paragraphs have wider application than to the pioneers and first settlers! Rejoice that you don't have to create, from the ground up, if you live close to a church or churches. But while you resolve to take fuller advantage of your nearby Christian fellowship, why not pray for the welfare of those who have to plan and struggle to come together with other Christians? And if you know of such tiny settlements as I've described, you might help by passing along this page to someone now far removed from the nearest church and in a frame of mind to accept and try out a simple plan for coming into fellowship with other Christians.



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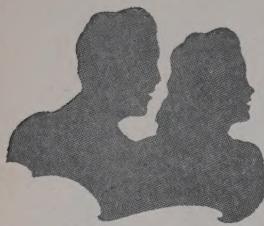
GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST (above) — Endeavorers of the Toronto (Ontario) Unions held a special service April 8 in Queen East Presbyterian Church. Standing at the head table are (left to right) Mrs. William McRoberts; Rev. William McRoberts, speaker; Rev. John Robson, pastor of Queen East Church, and Don Herbison, president of the Toronto Senior Union.

WITH THE RISING OF THE SUN (below) — The Christian Endeavor choir is shown which sang at the Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the Roanoke (Va.) Union in the Abby of Sherwood Burial Park when more than 1,000 attended. Louise Lucado directed the singers. Pictured in front of the choir is Mrs. Dewey A. Young (left), past president of the Virginia E. Union, who served as narrator, and Rev. George B. Holmes, associate rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, who preached.



SERVICE FOR WORKERS (above) — The Philadelphia (Pa.) Christian Endeavor Union conducted noonday services during Holy Week at a downtown church for those employed in offices. Dr. Ross H. Stover (shown in center) was one of the speakers. At left is Norman Klauder, chairman of finance committee of the International Society. Next to Mr. Klauder is Frances Becker, former president of Philadelphia Union.





What Makes FRIENDSHIP CLICK?

No. 1 in a Series:
Friendship, Courtship, Marriage

Proverbs 17:17,18; John 15:12-17

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

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Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

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Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.

Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

For three weeks we shall have a very interesting unit of topics. They will be in a series entitled *Friendship, Courtship, Marriage*, and our thinking can be built up in that sequence. Today's topic begins at the proper beginning, that of friendship. *What Makes A Friendship Click?* This is a challenging question and the answers that can be worked out will be most enlightening. Friendship is a matter of vital interest to every young person, indeed to every person, and we often wonder about the answer to its problems.

Let the leader be aware of the natural sequence of experience—friendship to love to marriage. Remember that these three topics should be "geared" together from week to week. The leaders of all three meetings should get together and establish a continuity in their plans for the three weeks. All three topics deal with happiness for the individual and fruitfulness in his life. Strive to bring this out each week, showing how friendship, emotional love, and finally marriage contribute to one's well-being. Throughout the unit the opposite should be emphasized also. What is each one's duty in considering the well-being of others? There are duties and blessings for all in each experience.

Discussion will be greatly enhanced if the leader will help the group to make a list of qualities and characteristics we like to find in others. List the things that are admired and the things that are resented or disliked. Better friendships can be the reward for the leader of a well-thought-out meeting.

Since this is Consecration Sunday, special planning should be made for this important part of the meeting. When the Roll of Members is called, the answer might be given with Bible verses pertaining to friendship, or by original statements or promises about it.

A SEED THOUGHT

"To win some, one must first be winsome."

What Is Friendship?

Someone has said "Friendship is one heart in two bodies." How beautiful and expressive is this description. Another has said "A friend is one who knows all about you, and loves you just the same." Both statements point clearly to the truth that a friend is one who intimately knows and sincerely loves another. More often such friendship is therefore the experience of enjoying the association and understanding of another person who knows and cares for us. It is indeed one of the great joys of life. The Scripture lesson today brings us the undying quality of friendship. "A friend loveth at all times." (Proverbs 17: 17.)

What Is The Benefit?

Anything that is worthwhile benefits all who are concerned. It is not limited to selfish gain at the expense of others. Friendship surely is a two-way street; it has a great reward for each one who shares it. Companionship is one of the first great benefits. Loneliness is one of the deepest sorrows of mankind; friendship is the antidote. Then, too, it provides moral support and understanding in times of need. The "one heart in two bodies" experience is never more precious than in times of unhappiness, or sorrow, or temptation, or trouble. Too often we are misunderstood by those about us,—or we think we are. Finally, one of the personal benefits is that friendship gives us the privilege of *being* a friend. This, too, is a meaningful experience, for it reduces our selfishness and complacency. Add your own list of rewards for true friendship at this time.

What Is The Cost?

On the two-way street of friendship, there are not only blessings, but also obligations in return. It costs something to be a friend! Sometimes it costs convenience, or popularity, or time and money. But it should always lift each one higher. A friendship that degrades is not a good one ever.

Unswerving loyalty is one of the obligations required of a friend. Another is absolute frankness at all proper times—but it should always be expressed in sincere kindness. We are expected to give without stint or miserliness, according to the need of each other. Just "being a friend" consistently may entail a heavy cost, but it is an essential one.

It Will Click

To have a friend, then, be a friend. Give much of self and expect real riches of return from others. To put together both the benefits and the costs, remembering always that one is not complete without the other, this is the way to success. One's relationship with others is a test of one's own character.

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To show how friendship can help the Christian youth.
2. To help understand what makes true friendship.

A DISCUSSION ON FRIENDSHIP

1. Define friendship.
2. Describe it in the language of youth.
3. Why is friendship worthwhile?
4. What can we expect of a friend?
5. What should be properly expected from us?
6. How can we make friendship "click"?
7. Sometime during the meeting make a list of the qualities you want in a true friend. Also list the traits that destroy friendship.
8. How many items of these lists fit you?
9. How can a good friendship bring happiness and fruitfulness in life?
10. In what ways is Christ our greatest Friend?

Each one influences the other to a great degree. *Being* a friend should inevitably help someone to be a vastly better man or woman.

Who Is The Greatest Friend?

We are told in the Bible that there is Friend "that sticketh closer than a brother. That Friend is Jesus Christ, our Lord. Sure He has fulfilled all of the requirements of friendship—and gone far beyond! He is always near when we need Him most, for He has said "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." He has never failed to keep His word. He always understands us, and loves us, no matter what we do, or where we are. "My grace is sufficient for thee. (II Corinthians 12: 9) is His promise. Finally He has set His requirement for being our Friend; hear again His words, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I have told you." Let this be our key to friendship with Him. Do what He asks, make friends with His people, and our cycle of friendship is complete. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15: 13.)

George Morgan, of the famous American banking firm, many years ago carried this poem in his pocket constantly, calling it key to success.

If you have a friend worth loving,
Love him. Yes, and let him know
That you love him, ere life's evening
Tinge his brow with sunset glow.
Why should good words ne'er be said
Of a friend—till he is dead?
Scatter thus your seeds of kindness
All enriching as you go—
Leave them. Trust the Harvest Giver.
He will make each seed to grow.
So until the happy end,
Your life shall never lack a friend.

Daily Scripture Readings

M., May 30. Wisdom From God. James 3:13-18.
T., May 31. Your Influence. Matt. 5:13-16.
W., June 1. Inseparable Friends. I Sam. 20:41, 42.
T., June 2. Unquestionable Faith. Ruth 1:14-18.
F., June 3. On Loving God. I John 5:1-3.
S., June 4. Walking In Love. Eph. 5:1-4.
Sun., June 5. Topic—What Makes Friendship Click? Prov. 17:17, 18; John 15:12-17.

OUR AIMS

1. To gain a sense of "oughtness."
2. To see what compelled Jesus to go on in His ministry.
3. To consider our necessity to follow in Jesus' footsteps.

QUESTIONS

1. Is there evidence of a decreasing loyalty in our Church? If so, how can it be analyzed and improved?
2. In remaining true to our Lord, what are some of the essential things?
3. Name five points of emphasis for a new Christian to help him be loyal to Christ and the Church.
4. Is the Call of Christ to loyalty as burning as it was in the days of the early disciples?
5. Can you as an individual name the areas in which you have grown spiritually during the past year?
6. Is it possible for all Christians, young and old, to continue to grow in loyalty and devotion?

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

What "Ought" Means

The word "ought" is another word for obligation, for duty. It comes from a root that means to owe, to be in debt to. The things we ought to do for God and for our fellowmen are debts that we owe to them. Every man of honor and self-respect avoids debts of any kind, unless well able and perfectly willing to pay them, when they fall due. To repudiate legitimate debt is the height of dishonor. To pay all our debts promptly, fully and cheerfully is the secret of financial integrity, and the passport into larger commercial confidence. But strange and sad to say, many people who are scrupulously exact in meeting all their financial and legal obligations, are very careless in many of their moral obligations to their own loved ones, to their fellowmen and to God.

He Had a Sense of "Oughness"

An African Church has sent out its first missionary. It was a day to remember when Ali, a young man, said, "God is calling me to move my home. There will be no peace in my heart until I answer his call, 'Follow Me.' I am ready to go anywhere that the church will send me."

This came as a result of a struggle that Ali had been fighting in his life. He did not want to leave his home, his relatives, his friends and yet God was asking that of him. He tried to be happy by teaching others in a nearby village, but he said, "I was not content as I knew the Lord wanted more of me. I tried to argue with the Lord telling him that my wife would not be willing to go. But that brought no peace in my heart. So I decided to ask my wife and to my surprise she was ready to go."

Ali was saying to the Lord and to the church, "Here am I, send me." He had a sense of "oughtness."

The day that Ali, his wife, and their wee daughter left their home to go to a new country and there to live in a new home and among new people marks the beginning of definite missionary work from our church.

The Church moves onward. Its invitation remains, "Come, all ye who are weary of a life unlike Christ, and desire a better life than you have hitherto known, come and let us show

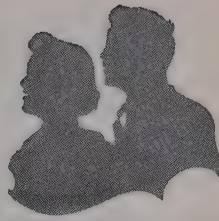
Big Words: OUGHT

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you the unspeakable treasure that is yours in Christ." Do you feel that you ought to respond?

I Would Be True

Junior Highs love the well-known hymn which is the creed of youth. "I Would Be True" is a great commitment to incorporate in our thinking and thereby live it day by day. It will lead us to be true to God as revealed in Jesus Christ. The subsequent step will prove us true to our fellowmen. This is a much needed quality in our lives as Christians, which in turn will be absorbed by others around us. With these faithful and true loyalties to God and our friends, we must of necessity be true to our church. The church should have our undergirding and will have it if we follow God's leading. A portion of Scripture which is indeed helpful in being true, is Philippians 4:8—"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is any thing worthy of praise, think about these things."

I Would Be Loyal

We are loyal to our school. We stand up for our friends. Ought not we to be loyal to God? As Christians in the twentieth century we need to stand four-square for the Lord and witness for Him. It seems difficult at times when temptations assail us, but if we are brave to uphold Him instead of shrinking back when the test comes, we will not allow the cause of Christ to lose ground. The brave living of the early disciples carried the Church forward into new areas where it was difficult and dangerous but they went forth. We today still reap the harvest of their daring journeys, moving westward.

The Ought of Going to Church

The chimes of the church tower clock echo the morning church hour. It is time for church but many of the beds in the surrounding blocks are still occupied. Someone has suggested that you can't take an active part in church work and still keep up school work. So the student takes the line of least resistance by sleeping.

The church bell calling folks to evening

From God's Word

M., May 30. Growing Up. I Cor. 13:11.
T., May 31. An Example For Others. I Tim. 4:12.
W., June 1. Directions For Young Women. Titus 2:4, 5.
T., June 2. Directions For Young Men. Titus 2:6-8.
F., June 3. Constrained To Obey God. Acts 5:29.
S., June 4. Achieving Through Believing. Mark 9:23-27.
Sun., June 5. Topic—Big Words: Ought. Acts 5:29; Matt. 23:23; II Peter 3:11-14.

worship resounds in appealing tones. But Dick has "homework" to do so he is staying comfortably indoors. While his head is bent low over his book his thoughts are miles away. He has an inner sense that he ought to be in church. But then, others are staying home to do "homework."

We'd like to know what little imp is around telling young people that school work and church work won't mix. The assumption is contrary to facts. There seems to be a high correlation between church work and high grades in most institutions. A checkup in the registrar's offices of most schools will reveal that the officers of church organizations show high averages. To meet God's "ought" we must put the church into our program.

Our Challenge to The "Oughts" of Life

We ought to go all the way with Christ with minds aflame. Some of us are dull, listless, mind-vacant, a sign hanging on our faces reading rather honestly, "Nobody at home." Others are pulsating with vibrant mental energy—creative and productive. They have followed the ageless advice: "Study to make thyself approved, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." They are awake to life's problems. They are willing to experiment with Christ, to use bits of knowledge well established to improve themselves and their world, to follow good advice, never to let down the bars of intellectual quality. They have Paul's "power to discipline" their minds to think.

Going all the way with Christ demands thinking Christians. There is a real moral quality to be understood here. And we must endeavor to appreciate it enough to study to make ourselves approved of God. Live in a little niche, make a habit of dwarfing your mind, never seek anything new and refreshing, then, when you have to move out of that niche, you cannot face the sunlight of other thoughts. And you are rightly called, "narrowminded."

We ought to go all the way with Christ with hearts aglow. Gaius Glenn Atkins used to put it this way: "Boys, maintain your spiritual glow." Just what is a glowing Christian? He possesses something of radiance gotten by contact with the sunlight of Christ's presence. He reflects His character. He radiates a willingness to do good. We call it love. He pulsates with divine sympathy, understanding, creative Christian enterprise. Christ's way is lighted by the radiance of His pilgrims of the lonely road. It is a compelling demand upon us in our day to maintain our spiritual glow—to bear their torch high above the darkness of our world.



Think Beyond "GOING STEADY"

No. 2 in a Series: Friendship, Courtship, Marriage

Mark 10:6-9; Proverbs 18:22-24; II Timothy 2:22

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

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Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.

Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Today we come to the second topic in a series of three that directs our thinking along the theme *Friendship, Courtship, Marriage*. There is a direct continuity here, for the thought builds further each week. Last week we discussed about what makes friendship "click." Today we consider the subject *Think Beyond 'Going Steady'*, emphasizing the friendship we enjoy with those of the opposite sex. Next week we explore this thought further with the topic leading us into a study of building *Tomorrow's Homes*, those dreams of today's youth. For these two topics it would be advisable to have some "resource leaders" to assist also. Be sure to have the pastor or some well-qualified person present to guide the discussion. Many important questions will arise and on these the wise guidance of a mature person will be helpful. Several might be invited, possibly including teachers, marriage or Youth Relations Counsellors, etc. Invite them as soon as possible.

The leader or leaders of these meetings should be especially well prepared. Consider carefully the worship elements for the opening portion, that it be a truly devotional experience. Then have some real facts, and give it all much serious thought, that each young person may gain information and help on this vital subject. Try to have leaflets or literature to distribute or loan. Seek the pastor's help here. Send for several copies of the small but valuable leaflet, *If I Marry A Roman Catholic* or others. These are but five cents, available from the National Council of Churches, New York City.

From The Book of Books

M., June 6. Ancient Divorce Law. Deut. 24:1-4.
T., June 7. The Folly of David. II Sam. 2:1-5.
W., June 8. A Prayer For Forgiveness. Psalm 25:7.
T., June 9. The Way of Wisdom And Knowledge. Prov. 2:10-22.
F., June 10. A Time To Remember. Eccl. 12:1-7.
S., June 11. Putting First Things First. Matt. 6:33, 34.
Sun., June 12. Topic—Think Beyond "Going Steady." Mark 10:6-9; Prov. 18:22-24; II Timothy 2:22.

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To help young people "think through" the matter of their dating, to be realistic regarding the possibilities.

2. To see the Christian implications in our social relationships.

A DISCUSSION ON GOING STEADY

1. What do we mean by the term "going steady"?

2. What does it require of each?

3. Is it desirable or not? Give reasons.

4. Are we now at an age when a choice of life mate is desirable? Why?

5. Is a long engagement good?

6. Does "going steady" help one make friends?

7. Is a variety of friends and experiences helpful in developing a mature life? To what degree?

8. How does such variety contribute to (a) one's happiness? (b) to one's fruitfulness and usefulness?

9. What is the best kind of boy-girl relationship for Christians?

10. What do you believe would be Christ's advice on this subject?

They will be even more valuable for next week's discussion. Try to help your friends see the disadvantages of "going steady" at too early an age; show how much richer life can be by more normal living.

What Is "Going Steady"?

This is a good question that should be faced by every young person today. It will have a different meaning to different people, and this should be weighed. Someone has expressed a definition that may seem extreme, but it carries a core of truth: "It is unfair restriction for the benefit of one." This definition would pre-suppose the usual arrangements. No "dates" with other people would be allowed. Jealousy is often unpleasantly present if the "steady" is even seen talking with anyone else of the opposite sex. Sometimes the more crude minds resent friendship even with those of the same sex. In such an arrangement, engagement is often taken for granted, dangerous and undesirable though that assumption is. There is often the danger of possible physical intimacies that have no possible right to exist at this point. Going steady is surely more than just a boy and a girl being fond of each other and enjoying the other's company. This can be even more valuable under an "open range" relationship. Since these topics deal with total personal happiness and fruitfulness in living, let's put "Mr. Going Steady" in the light of serious investigation.

What's To Be Gained?

To many young people the experience of going steady may seem comfortable and satisfying. In a period when many decisions must be made,—in the matters of vocation, education, budgeting an allowance, etc.—there may be some form of "social security" felt by having all dates with one favored companion. This is a false kind of security, however. It gives a sense of possession that is wrong.

Then there is the negative side. There are undesirable things to be "gained." The first of these is unpopularity with others. They quickly sense and obey the "hands off" attitude,—and this is a social tragedy, especially for a girl. Better companions are thus forfeited, and better opportunities lost. Needless quarrels, premature in teen-age relationships, are engendered by the false sense of possession. Yes, much is gained—but most of it is undesirable or harmful.

What Is Lost?

As indicated already, the broad friendship with one's entire group is needful for a balanced social life. It is essential for fruitful, happy living. Sometimes the whole "gang"

will ignore a person or a couple who isolate themselves by "going steady." Group association is a must for balanced personality growth. Assuredly, parental sympathy is frequently lost, for their patience is severely tried by the practices of a "steady." Another loss is all too often the respect and real friendship of the other "half" of the relationship. "After I've called you Sweetheart, how can I call you friend," is too often the song of the blues. Especially is this true if one or the other has over-stepped the bounds of proper conduct by assuming too much.

If one is to "look beyond" the immediate present in this problem, the question must always be asked, "Does the boy (or the girl) understand this the same as I do? Is he or she as deeply involved emotionally?" Usually this question is honestly answered in the negative.

One of the great losses is in the area of Christian contacts and service. Being pre-occupied with even a temporary "steady" very often takes a young person from Christian Endeavor, from church relationships, and from doing the work the Saviour expects of him. This is a tragic loss for an enthusiastic, impressionable teen-age Christian.

These are the years of getting ready for adult life, and every good contact possible, every bit of service and helpful experience is a "must." Christian young people should take the "long view" of every relationship, asking "What may this lead to?" Variety of experience leads toward good growth and maturity. Look beyond today and see the endless tomorrows to come.

A SEED THOUGHT

"Young people are usually more in love with Love than with any particular person."

OUR AIM

1. To thrill that life demands growth.
2. To note the elements of spiritual growth.
3. To determine to avoid the summer slump.

QUESTIONS

1. What things help us to grow?
2. What is spiritual growth as distinguished from intellectual growth?
3. What is most important, intellectual growth or spiritual growth?
4. What things stunt physical growth? Mental growth or spiritual growth?
5. How is a loving spirit, a health as well as a soul tonic?

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Resolve to Grow

This topic comes at a strategic time. Summer offers time for growth. There are many fine opportunities for Christian growth during this season when many of us are inclined to believe we must stand still. We shall consider only a few of those opportunities. It is true, or course, that we cannot all avail ourselves of all these, but perhaps there are many others that we are not even mentioning that may deeply enrich our lives during this summer season.

Reading

Maybe we have been reading all during the winter. Maybe we are tired of books. We want to forget them—to get away from them. But let us pause. Have there not been some books that you wanted to read—but didn't have the time during the winter? Some novel allured you, or some biography was brushed aside for a more convenient day. Take those books along with you to the park. Read them, for the sheer joy they will bring you.

One of the reasons why some of us read so little is to be found in the fact that we read with a sense of compulsion. Let's read now without that sense! There is so much wholesome reading material that will bring us real delight.

Nature Contacts

The summer season showers upon us a multitude of contacts with nature. These contacts may help us to grow spiritually. These contacts may open the eyes of the soul.

One of the most tragic experiences of the summer time (and it happens to many souls) is that of going through the beauty of God's great out-of-doors without seeing God. May we be exempt from this disaster in our own lives!

Relaxation

The summer time is a time of vacations. The next three months will find a multitude of people trekking off for a few days or a few weeks. Some of these people will come back, having spent their vacation time, more worn out and exhausted—physically, nervously, and spiritually—than they were when they left. Their vacation, instead of a time of relaxation, will have been a time of tension.

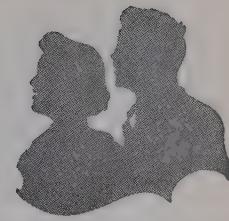
Relaxation may make us aware of spiritual things. We are familiar with the story

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Luke 2:39-52; II Peter 3:18



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of Elijah's quest for God. He sought Him in the earthquake, the wind, and the fire. But he heard Him not. When these had passed, and Elijah had released the tension of trying to find God, God spoke. Sometimes we must release tensions before God can speak to us. Relax!

Outdoor Fellowship

This is the season of outdoor fellowship. Picnics, weiner roasts, and a lot of other outside activities will be enjoyed by all of us. These social fellowships may enrich our lives. They give us a fine opportunity to express the philosophy of life by which we live.

Outside fellowship may also characterize our religious meetings. It would be a fine thing for your young people's group to hold their devotional meetings in the out-of-doors. Gather by some stream, in some park, or in somebody's back yard. Work out original worship services to fit the setting in which your meeting is being held. A few churches are having a splendid success with outdoor Sunday evening services. Has your church tried it? Our own limited experience in this endeavor causes us to say, you will be surprised at the fine interest and attendance. People like it. You will like it.

Summer Camps

We have left this until last. For many of us, though, this week is the greatest in the summer. It is a time when we combine wholesome fun, fine social contacts, spiritual inspiration and profitable study. Are you going to your camp this year? Plan now, and be ready for the opening of that event. One profitable week at camp will go a long way in getting your life through the summer slump without actually slumping your life.

Jesus Knew the Laws of Growth

Everything that has life has an urge to grow, to develop new strength and new power. This is one of the wondrous facts of God's plan for the universe. Jesus used this principle as an example of how the kingdom grows when He said, ". . . and the seed should sprout and grow, he knows not how." (Mark 4:26-27.) He also recognized that growth follows a certain pattern

Bible Messages

M., June 6. Jesus And The Children. Mark 9:36, 37.
T., June 7. The Seed We Plant. Matt. 13:3-23.
W., June 8. Learning To Pray. Matt. 6:9-13.
T., June 9. How Jesus Grew. Luke 2:40, 52.
F., June 10. A Man of Great Faith. Luke 7:2-10.
S., June 11. Growing In Christ. II Peter 3:18.
Sun., June 12. Topic—Big Words: Grow. Luke 2:39-52; II Peter 3:18.

" . . . first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear." (Mark 4:28.)

Trace in Jesus' teachings other statements about Christian growth.

Periods of Growth

One is basically the same person throughout his life, even though he is continuously changing in behavior. In church school and in all our teaching we divide life into "periods of growth." We must remind ourselves that a person who is going from the junior department to the Junior High department is still the same "Jack" although he is developing in knowledge and strength. We may say that certain periods in life have certain characteristics and certain needs, but individuals may put together the experiences that come to them in entirely different patterns.

Diamonds Grow

Diamonds are just carbon. And carbon, as any chemistry student knows, is one of the lowliest and commonest of all elements. Diamonds are made of the same stuff that comprises coal, soot, charred animal or vegetable matter, and the "lead" in a pencil. But what a wonderful transformation takes place when it becomes a diamond! Through a tremendous force exerted upon it from outside of itself, it is crystallized into a sparkling jewel.

Our lives are just like that. There is much in them that is sinful. But through the transforming grace of God we can be changed into a new creature. We can grow into godliness with the Holy Spirit's guidance.

The Church and Growth

A church is usually graded in its program to meet the needs of various stages of development. In the church fellowship each member of the family can find a group of other people who are at the same general level of growth. The leaders in each group will try to fit the program for that group to the particular problems of that age. We need to ask ourselves if our church is providing a place where every member of the family is respected as an individual and has an opportunity to make his contribution to the group.

Through the Christian Endeavor, the church may provide for healthy growth in social skills, in leadership, and activities that will try out the high ideals of young people. The church must provide mature leadership for young people that will help them become independent and self-reliant, directed by close fellowship with Christ. The Christian Endeavor in every church should exist to meet the needs of the young people of each community rather than making young people fit a ready-made program.



We Build Tomorrow's Homes

No. 3 in a Series: Friendship, Courtship, Marriage

Deuteronomy 12:28; Proverbs 3:5,6; II Corinthians 6:14

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

— JUNE 19 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

Pray for God's blessing and help.

Study the Bible selections given.

Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.

Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Today we conclude a thought-provoking series of topics that we have called *Friendship, Courtship, Marriage*. These have pointed out the relationship of friends of the same sex, then of those of opposite sex. Today we build further on this sequence, with a visionary look at the future. *We Build Tomorrow's Homes* takes us into the realm of planning for the future by sensible action in the present. The leader today needs help. This can come by careful study of the subject and by seeking help from others. Literature should be available to the society, either to distribute or loan. If the booklet *If I Marry A Roman Catholic*, and some other good ones, have not been ordered, it should be done at once. These, available from the National Council of Churches, New York City, can be passed out later. Help can be provided also by the presence of the pastor, or some good marriage counsellor. There are many, in schools and elsewhere, that specialize in counselling youth in their social relationships, or in pre-marital planning. Perhaps one or a panel of these could be present as "resource leaders." Good films are available also. This meeting should be outstanding, since it concludes a vital topic unit, and especially since it represents such an important area of the life of youth. Many excellent books can be recommended or secured for use of the group. Perhaps as a result of the discussion a well qualified speaker can be arranged for the near future to sum up or to clarify your findings. Let the investigation continue after; we are "building" our future homes even now.

What Is A Home?

Here is a question that seems needless perhaps, for we all have a rough idea of what one is. However, the picture is too often incomplete, or distorted, too rough indeed.

A SEED THOUGHT

"Today there is one divorce in every four marriages, but among church-going families there is one divorce in 100 marriages."

Edgar Guest wisely said, "It takes a heap o' livin' in a house to make it a home." It takes a heap of a lot of things to make a house, or a marriage, or a family into a "home."

First of all, the home is what is known as a "primary group." It is the beginning place of human activities, close to the life of each one. It contributes much to each one's thoughts and deeds, more than any other human association. Other primary groups are church and school. These three particularly mould the mind and character, the very life, of each individual. We are even now being influenced by our present homes and we are building by our daily living our homes of tomorrow. These will mould us in new and different ways as life progresses.

Probably marriage is mankind's finest example of mutual sacrifice and consideration. There is no better figure of speech for the relation between the divine and the human than to refer to the Church as the *bride* of Christ. Let us think of the marriage bond in this sacred way.

While we consider "building" a home for tomorrow, may we remember that there is one supreme requirement for it. With all the significant value of *any* home, it is even more important that it be a *Christian* home. This makes possible the high obligations that a marriage or a family group represents.

How Do We Build It?

In building anything a foundation is required. In building a home one must establish principles upon which to rear it. To recognize the Lord Jesus Christ as Head of the home is the beginning of wisdom. He will be the divine Arbitrator in every dispute or problem. Then goals of good principles, of unselfish living must be set. There must be established policies and a system of discipline. Budgets for both time and money are of great benefit. Then daily are added bit by bit the evidences of Christian living. Little bits of self must be sacrificed daily on the altar of love. A very practical lesson of great value was recently expressed on television by Lucy and Desi. Humorously Lucy said, "Long ago we decided never to go to sleep without kissing and making right any argument. We've never gone to sleep without a kiss—though sometimes we've gone two or three days without sleep!" There's the secret, seriously, never carry over a grudge or a grievance or a pique against *anyone*. "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath." (Ephesians 4: 26.)

Christian faith, cornerstone of marriage and home, elevates family life and protects

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To help us see the elements of a happy Christian home.
2. To assist in building for that perfect home experience of the future.

A DISCUSSION ON TOMORROW'S HOMES

1. Describe a happy home.
2. What makes a home happy?
3. How can we build tomorrow's homes today?
4. Which is more important to a young person,—his church, home, or school? Why do you so believe?
5. How can Christ be the Head of a home?
6. Why should we never let the passing of a day find us angry with a loved one?
7. Which is greater, happiness or contentment? What's the difference?
8. Why do "families that pray together stay together"?
9. What harm is caused by selfishness? How?
10. What can we do now to prepare us to be good marriage partners in the years to come?

the sanctity of the wedded bond. The home must be united in faith and ideals, in living and in serving. This makes for a spirit of partnership in material details, for common interests in work and recreation, for mutually understood expressions of affection and trust. It enhances the proper friendly relations with "in-laws." It provides a dynamic spiritual basis for meeting the problems and disappointments, the pains and temptations of life.

What Do We Gain?

"Godliness with contentment is great gain." (I Timothy 6: 6) No greater reward in life is possible than contentment. It surpasses success or fame or even happiness. A man's home truly is his castle—but it had better be a happy one, or it is futile indeed. The benefits of building a home on the Christian way of life are beyond description. One marriage in four today ends in divorce on this continent; what a shameful reflection of selfishness and irresponsibility! But among church-going families there is but one divorce in one hundred marriages. There's the difference.

A family in which one has the love and respect of the other members is a heavenly blessing indeed. Self-respect and satisfaction in accomplishments together are a part of the reward. This series of topics deals with personal happiness and fruitfulness in daily living. Building now the ideals for a sound Christian home "tomorrow" will do much for us in developing these things. And in

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Bible Portions

M., June 13.	Envy, An Enemy.	Genesis 37:3-11, 23-28.
T., June 14.	Children, Gift of God.	Psalm 127:1-5.
W., June 15.	Counsel For The Home.	Prov. 15:1-10
T., June 16.	Marriage Divinely Appointed.	Mark 10:6-9.
F., June 17.	Manly Virtues.	I Tim. 3:1-6.
S., June 18.	The Servant of The Lord.	II Tim. 2:24-26.
Sun., June 19.	Topic—We Build Tomorrow's Homes.	Deut. 12:28; Prov. 3:5, 6; II Cor. 6:14.

OUR AIMS

1. To understand what real service involves.
2. To see how Jesus lived in the atmosphere of serving others.
3. To note opportunities needing our service today.

DISCUSSION

1. How can ambition serve useful ends?
2. Indicate several ways in which Christ reveals Himself as a servant.
3. Compare current ideas of success with the Christian standard.
4. Discuss ways in which your Christian Endeavor might serve the church and community.
5. How can you personally serve Christ?
6. What blessings come to those who live in the spirit of service?

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Who Are the Great?

Young people were recently polled on their ideas of true greatness and genuine success. They were asked to record the names of ten men or women whom they considered having survival value in history's hall of fame. Among the elect mentioned, the most prominent were:

Jesus Christ	Charles Lindbergh
Abraham Lincoln	Gandhi
Kagawa	Dr. Wilfred Grenfell
Jane Addams	Helen Keller
Albert Schweitzer	Thomas Edison

Accuse the list of being contemporary, provincial or unrepresentative; nevertheless, it remains revealing. Headline seekers and publicity hounds are conspicuous through absence. Does the service motive permeate those listed? Poll your group in a similar manner and evaluate in light of today's topic.

Get to Work

"Be not sluggish" (Hebrews 6:12) in your Christian life, says the writer of the book of Hebrews, but rather, "be imitators of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." When a Christian Endeavor member says, "I will endeavor" or "I will seek," he is an imitator of them who inherit God's promises.

Christ charged that we Endeavorers should "be the light of the world" and that we should "let our light shine" before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16.)

The first and foremost work of youth is to "bring others to Christ." But "I will seek" means more than that. Your pledge adds, "to give," "to advance," and "to promote." The gospel has no geographic or ethnic boundaries. You can't limit Christian activity to one day in seven.

How Is Your Ambition?

The ambitious sons of Zebedee mirror designing youth to a "tee." What is ambition? Is it good or bad? The dictionary defines it as, "an eager desire for preferment, honor, superiority, power or attainment." Marden in his book *Ambition and Success*, tells of a factory where mariners' compasses are made. Before the needles are magnetized they lie in any position, but once touched

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by the master magnet they are never again the same. Before being magnetized they do not heed the call of the magnetic pole but forever afterward they are "loyal and true to their affinity." So youth lie motionless until they are fired with ambition, their imagination kindled and life demanded.

F. W. Robertson said, "Whoever is satisfied with what he does has reached the culminating point—he will progress no more. Man's destiny is to be not dissatisfied, but forever unsatisfied." Michelangelo one day called on his brother artist, Raphael. Finding him out he examined the canvas upon which he was drawing. He wrote underneath a small figure, "Amplius," meaning "larger." Raphael knew what that meant and by enlarging the figure produced a masterpiece. The advice should not be lost on brush and canvas but should become the motto for living today.

Provide Enlistment Cards

These should be given out during the service and each one asked to check the list for definite service.

I believe myself capable of serving in the ways checked below. I offer this service seriously and when needed can be depended upon to fulfill my obligation.

-Sing in the choir.
-Play in the Sunday school orchestra.
-Play the piano, organ.
-Do typing for the minister.
-Do mimeographing for the minister or church.
-Be an usher.
-Help in Boy, Girl Scout work.
-Take care of Christian Endeavor publicity.
-Be a Sunday school teacher.
-Help beautify and maintain the beauty of the church grounds.
-Distribute literature for the church.
-Do carpentering, painting, plumbing, etc.
-Help with the publication of a monthly Christian Endeavor paper.
-Suggest your own.

Signed.....

Keep Their Hands Busy

Junior highs have not as yet developed skill in analyzing and classifying their interests or sustaining long discussion. Thus we would suggest for part of the meeting the making of posters. Have clipped materials on hand and topics for the next several months. Divide the members into groups to make posters for various topics.

Some Stories on Service

You may recall the newspaper story of Billy Rough, the crippled newsboy of Gary, Indiana, who read one morning in the issue of the paper he was selling, the story of

the young woman who had been terribly burned in a motorcycle accident. Nobody in that community would have thought of Billy as personality-plus timber; yet no sooner had he read that incident than he hobbled away to the hospital to offer the skin on his crippled leg in order that this girl's life might be saved. When the physicians finally made it clear to Billy that such an operation might cost his own life, he said, "Go ahead, Doctor, if it will save her life. I'm not much account anyhow."

Well, the operation was performed, and the life of this unfortunate girl saved. When it became apparent to the physicians that Billy's strength was failing and that he would not recover, they told him. He only smiled and said, "Well, anyhow, I was some use in the world, wasn't it?"

Small wonder that when he was gone, the citizens of Gary raised a fund to provide a bronze tablet to be hung in the hallway entrance of the building in front of which his newsstand had stood. True greatness is often found in the lives of people who, judged by outward appearances, may be thought to be small, unimportant and even ignoble.

By Serving He Saved Himself

One of the first stories we remember was that of two travelers crossing the Alps in very cold weather, and finding by the way-side a partially frozen peasant. One of the travelers decided to help the unfortunate man and managed to lift him into the sleigh. His companion refused to help because he was already uncomfortably cold. Before the journey ended there was a dead man in the sleigh—the traveler who refused to get out and help the unfortunate man. Both men had been freezing, but the sheer effort of helping someone had brought the blood coursing back through the veins of one, while he who sat still perished.

This story has often been told, but bears repetition because it illustrates a fundamental principle of the Christian life. We save ourselves by saving others; nothing could be more unchristian than a self-centered life. Christ's kind of living demands service to others.

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W., June 15. How To Be First. Mark 9:35.
T., June 16. Jesus Anointed With Ointment. Mark 14:3-9.
F., June 17. A Woman Who Gave All. Mark 12:41-44.
S., June 18. Entering Into Service. John 10:9.
Sun., June 19. Topic—Big Words: Serve. Matt. 20:20-28; Gal. 5:13; Col. 3:22-24.



Canada-United States: NEIGHBORS

No. 1 in a Series: Broadening Our Neighborliness

Psalm 133; Psalm 144:11-15

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

— JUNE 26 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

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Pray for God's blessing and help.

Study the Bible selections given.

Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.

Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting

Today we begin a new series of timely topics. Entitled *Broadening Our Neighborliness*, they will take us all on a three weeks' trip from northernmost Canada to Central America to visit our Latin neighbors. Then we voyage mentally on a world scale. Today we are confronted anew by a familiar and beloved truth in the topic *Canada-United States: Neighbors*. Certainly the leader of this meeting, and next week's, must become familiar with the subject. In Canada, information should be secured on details of life in the nation to the south. United States Endeavorers should "go north" in their thinking and learn some of their neighbor's problems. Find some national statistics, learn some of the geography, find out the government systems. Go to a bank and learn the rate of exchange in money—and how the system works. Test your Canadian members on the names and approximate locations of the 48 states of the United States.

See if the Yanks know the names and whereabouts of the provinces of the Dominion. How about learning (by using in the meeting) "America" or "The Star Spangled Banner" in the Canadian meetings, and "God Save The King" (remember to use "Queen") or "The Maple Leaf Forever" in the States? It sounds like fun! Let's make it a real meeting of exploration and getting acquainted.

North Americans All!

There is a magnificent example of mutual dependence and trust in the boundary line between the United States and the Dominion of Canada. It is the longest un-

guarded frontier in the entire world, a monument to neighborliness and brotherhood. Occasional minor differences cause exchange of words or principles, as in any rational family, but the essential solidarity is an unshakable reality. There is deep love and respect that has sprung from conquering a dangerous frontier together. We all recognize that we have more in common than with any other group on earth. We share the heritage, the pride, the high future potential of North America, the hope of the world of tomorrow.

Too often indeed the words "American" and "Canadian" are used, as though we could draw a real line of separation between the two. There is smugness and conceit in such usage. All America is for all Americans. We are Americans! It will be a great step of continental maturity when we begin to share this family name.

Between Fort Erie, Ontario, and Buffalo, the site of Fort Porter, an international engineering marvel has been erected over the Niagara River since 1924. It is called the Peace Bridge. How wonderful that a Peace bridge unites two great nations. It is prophetic that historic Fort Porter had to be torn down to make possible the bridge construction, and old Fort Erie is now a museum. Verily by our common bonds of language and heritage, our government and commerce, our hearts and minds, the majority of both peoples recognize that only in our unity is strength.

The Pan-American Hope

It has often been said that we must have One World or no world. In this age of atomic terror and power we dare not have war. All possible must be done to increase the solidarity of the free world. No place on the earth offers this opportunity as our total America. To this writer, the Pan-American Union, centered in Washington but uniting all the nations of the Americas, controls the destiny of the world. As goes this Union, made up mostly of free peoples, so will go the world. The United States and Canada probably represent the keystone in the whole structure. The way we co-exist perhaps will influence world destiny. We live by an idea that the rest of the world needs.

What Kind of Neighbors Are We?

Good neighbors help each other. Surely this is true between our two countries. In many ways we supplement each other. Especially near the border this is conspicuous. In matters of labor and employment, summer homes, sports, sharing of manufactured power, imports and exports, etc., this is true. Yet for many years a difference in the rate of exchange of money has tried to divide

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To learn more about our near and beloved neighbors.
2. To strengthen the Christian bonds that unite us in a common stream of life.

A DISCUSSION ABOUT NEIGHBORS

1. What great things have Canada and the United States in common?
2. How has Christian Endeavor helped unite our nations?
3. How could it unite us more today?
4. Why do we continue to use the names "American" and "Canadian" as though one were better?
5. What do we do today to hinder or reduce good relations with our neighboring country?
6. How can we as individuals be better neighbors?
7. What traits do we not like about "Americans" or "Canadians"? Does this dislike not reflect bad traits of our own?
8. What do you admire most about your sister nation?
9. What do you suppose irritates them the most about us? What can we do about it?
10. Do churches in both countries have a joint mission to discharge in the interests of peace and brotherhood? Discuss the possibilities.

us. The kindly understanding between us and the mutual defense we offer are evidences of sincere desire for co-operation. Still there are a few agitators and malcontents who say bitter, selfish things about their near and needed neighbors. We must be careful constantly not to criticize or misunderstand each other's motives and methods. Rather let us endeavour to understand, to help, to quickly spring to verbal defense when our neighbors are spoken of in an unkind manner. Just being close together in case of need is a comfort, as having another person share a lonely old house. We live in a rather lonely world.

Do we know the customs, the hopes and fears, the problems, the victories of our "Canadian" or "American" associates? Are we acquainted with each other's National Anthems? Use them tonight and for the next meetings. Isn't it symbolic of our unity that "America" and "God Save The King" use the same tune?

We should ask ourselves our motives, our attitudes. Are we critical when we should be understanding? Are we guilty of any overt acts of unfriendliness, or of sly words of division? How do we feel when we are in the other country, as though we are still at home, or as though we are "abroad" in a strange land? Let's control these things in ourselves, then be ambassadors of goodwill and neighborliness wherever we are.

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A SEED THOUGHT

On both sides of the longest unguarded frontier in the world we are Americans all! There is no real division.

OUR AIM

1. To discover what true love really is.
2. To sense that to love one must go beyond self.
3. To understand God's love for us.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is love the greatest thing in the world?
2. How does Christian love manifest itself?
3. What classes most need our love?
4. To whom is it most difficult to show our love—
 - To the poor where it is easy;
 - To the rich who very often need it most;
 - Or to our equals where it is very difficult?
5. How can we increase in love?
6. What effect would the reading of this chapter have upon us, if we read it every day for three months and sought to practice it?

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Study the Love Chapter

I Corinthians 13 is a song that will live forever. It transforms hearts, dispels discord, remorse, bitterness, stills passion and inspires harmonies of sympathy.

1. *It is a hymn of love by Paul.* All the great powers of nature are silent powers. So it is with love. You know when it's there and when it isn't. Paul was not a fanatic; he had the profoundest mystical experiences over and over again. He scrutinized those experiences and was concerned with what they did to him.

Paul was a man of deep emotions, wide sympathies and warm affection, a man of true sentiment and devoted friendships, a human being of passion and tenderness and tears. To have real sympathy is a sign of spirituality. Paul was characterized by a firm and inflexible will, clearness of mind and strength, abounding with purpose. If he had avoided sympathy and affection he could not have won multitudes. Paul says: 'I am owned of God. He sets my goal and purposes. I am saved by grace through faith.'

2. In this "love chapter" Paul is not discussing love to God nor selfish and sensual human passion but he is treating that kind and sympathetic regard for men which makes one seek another's highest good. It is that which has sent man out through the last twenty centuries to win others.

3. This hymn is part of the pastoral teaching of Paul for those granted gifts for the instruction, edification and leadership in church need helpful, sympathetic, unselfish devoted spirit. Personality is the main factor in teaching. Are we trying to impart information to develop a person? The teacher must be pleasant with a background which is appealing. The most lowly, when inspired by love's true sympathy, renders valiant

Big Words: LOVE

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I John 4:7-11; I Corinthians 13; John 3:16

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service. The essence of truth taught is never lost when it is sincere. The cross of Christ has its impact upon folks through winsome personalities. Paul speaks in plain fashion of love.

4. Love is indispensable. It is a Christian grace, not a gift. It is a manifestation of the Spirit. The fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, meekness, self-control. Golden eloquence without love is mere sound. Acquired knowledge hasn't the power, the feeling of joy, our authoritative experience, as does genuine love. The old-time ministers talked with authority. Too many Christians today assume acquired salvation. They talk in old terms but there is no power.

Paul and his Athens experience unveils how he felt when he talked with eloquence but not with love.

Look at Christian Love

1. *Love is Patience*—"Suffereth long, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things, love never faileth." Love is calm, quiet, never-in-a-hurry, love understands and therefore waits.

2. *Kindness*—Love is active as well as passive. Have you noticed how much of Christ's life was spent in simply doing kind things, simply doing "good turns" to people, simply lifting burdens, simply making people happy. Someone has said, "The greatest thing a man can do for his Heavenly Father is to be kind to some of His other children."

3. *Generosity*—"Envieth not." Here is love in competition. Whenever you attempt to do a good work you will find others doing the same work and probably doing it better—envy them not! Envy is one of the meanest of sins. "Only one thing truly need the Christian envy—the large, rich generous soul which 'envieth not.'"

4. *Humility*—The meek and quiet spirit. "Put a seal upon your lips and forget what you have done. After you have been kind and love has done its beautiful work, go back again into the shade and say nothing about it."

Daily Bible Readings

M., June 20. Love Thy God. Duet. 6:5.
T., June 21. Love Thy Neighbor. Mark 12:31.
W., June 22. Love Thy Enemy. Matt. 5:44.
T., June 23. Loved By God. I John 3:1.
F., June 24. The Greatest Love of All. John 15:13.
S., June 25. How God Loves Us. John 3:16.
Sun., June 26. Topic—Big Words: Love. I John 4:7-11; I Cor. 13; John 3:16.

5. *Courtesy*—Love in society "Doth not behave itself unseemly." "Politeness is love in trifles." Courtesy is love in little things. Love cannot conduct itself unseemly in the highest or lowest society. A gentleman is a man who does things gently, with kind consideration of the rights and feelings of others.

6. *Unselfishness*—"Love seeketh not her own." Notice that love seeketh not even that which is his own. "There come times when we may exercise the higher right of giving up our rights."

7. *Good Temper*—"Love is not easily provoked." We are apt to look upon ill temper as a harmless weakness, but the Bible condemns it as one of the most destructive elements of human nature. Often it is a blot on an otherwise noble character. The ingredients of ill temper are touchiness, anger, jealousy. Love overcomes all these. Neither will power nor time can change character, only Christ can conquer these by the shedding of His own transforming love into our hearts. "In order to get to heaven, a man must take it with him."

8. *Guilelessness*—"Thinketh no evil" R. V. "taketh no account of evil," does not put down in the memory account book the faults of others or the injuries they may do us. Love puts the best construction upon the acts of others, instead of the worst, as many do. Suspicious people are of all people most miserable. They are constantly on the alert to detect evil and impugn other people's motives. Love overcomes suspicion.

9. *Sincerity*—"Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but"—is not glad when others sin, hates to report the weaknesses and faults of others, refuses to seem good by depreciating others. "Rejoiceth with the truth," is in sympathy with all that is true, rejoiceth whenever it can find a virtue or good deed in others, joys in the triumph of virtue.

In conclusion, verses 9-13, Paul shows why love is the greatest thing in the world—because it is unspeakable. Love is eternal in its very nature. Many good and necessary things will fail, will pass away, because they have done their work and are superseded by better things, such as, "prophecies, tongue, knowledge." Paul illustrates his argument most beautifully and perfectly by a child growing into a man, and again by an object or landscape seen through an imperfect glass or lens. "For now we see through a glass dimly, imperfectly" but we are moving "through the night into the light." Sometime we shall understand all mysteries. In the last verse he groups the immortal three graces—faith, hope, love—but the greatest of these is love.

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